

# Miriam O'Connor Travelling Scholarship Conditions



*The Miriam O'Connor Travelling Scholarship was established in 2017. It aims to assist and encourage Victorian FRANZCOG Trainees and Fellows to undertake volunteer work and/or training in countries with limited resources. The Scholarship is awarded triennially and is funded by the Victorian Regional Committee and administered through the RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation.*

## **Purpose**

To assist a Victorian- based RANZCOG Trainee or Fellow to undertake volunteer work and/or training in a country with limited resources.

## **Eligibility**

The Scholarship is open to:

- FRANZCOG Trainees at Level 3 or above, who have sat and passed the FRANZCOG Written Examination. Applicants must also be part of a Victorian Integrated Training Program (ITP) or reside in Victoria at the time of application.
- RANZCOG Fellows of less than five (5) years' standing who reside in Victoria at the time of application.

Applicants can only be awarded one (1) travelling Scholarship for the duration of their training.

## **Tenure**

One (1) annual training year as defined by RANZCOG.

Minimum of eighteen weeks of volunteering and/or training.

## **Applications**

Applications are to be submitted online via the Good Grants platform using the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Women's Health Foundation Application Form (Research-Based), together with other information as specified on that form.

## **Presentation**

The successful recipient will be offered the opportunity to be presented with the scholarship at an appropriate RANZCOG event. Please note there is no funding available, and therefore attendance is at the expense of the recipient. In situations where the recipient is unable to attend the offered events, awards will be posted.

## **Scholarship Funds**

A maximum Scholarship of \$24,000 AUD shall be awarded to assist the recipients cost incurred in the following areas:

- Return economy flights/travel to and from the volunteering/training location.
- Accommodation
- Living allowance (to a maximum of AUD\$50 per day)
- Travel medications and pre-departure medical conditions.
- Flights for a trip home or partner visit if volunteer work/training is greater than six (6) months duration.

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## Position/Location

The successful applicant must spend a minimum of eighteen weeks volunteering and/or training in a location that:

- Is listed under the World Health Organisation (WHO) 'Hinari eligibility' <http://www.who.int/hinari/eligibility/en/> or
- has a Morbidity and Mortality Rate of > 100/100,000 live births.

The position must be approved by the host Ministry of Health (MoH), a recognised volunteer organisation, or an organisation that conforms with the minimum standards of the Sphere Project ([www.spherehandbook.org](http://www.spherehandbook.org)).

For the purposes of accredited FRANZCOG training, applicants must apply for and receive Prospective Approval of Training through the Victorian Regional Office via the online portfolio <https://logbook.my.ranzcog.edu.au/>.

The successful applicant will need to be actively involved in the education of local colleagues, midwifery or medical depending on the setting.

## Reporting

A formal presentation of the volunteer work and/or training must be submitted for consideration for presentation at a RANZCOG Annual or Regional Scientific Meeting within one (1) year of return.

Recipients must also submit an article for suitable for consideration for publication in O&G magazine.

## Variations to the project

Should the need arise for the project scope and/or funding to be varied please send an email to [foundation@ranzcog.edu.au](mailto:foundation@ranzcog.edu.au) to request a Scholarship Variance Form. Your request will be reviewed by the RGC. Please note there is not any scope to request extra funding.

## Promotion

RANZCOG may publish details of the grant recipient and the associated project, including the lay description and/or lay summary, for promotional, educational, or membership activities in all forms of media now known or later developed, including but not limited to, the RANZCOG website, Facebook, Twitter, advertising, presentations, and marketing materials.

\*Applicants with career disruption should not be disadvantaged when determining their eligibility to apply for RANZCOG Women's Health Foundation grants. During peer review significant career disruption of applicants will be considered in terms of years since they received their Masters or PhD. For such grants, the five (5) year limit post Masters or PhD may be extended commensurate with the period of the career disruption.

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